

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Fricker, Chairman
Sallie Fahey, Secretary
Mike Parks
Tim Wells
Dave Whitworth
Dave Buck
Jim Knapp
Dpt. Chief Chris Leroux
John Connell

JTRP
APC
Lafayette City Engineer's Office
Tippecanoe County Highway Department
INDOT: Crawfordsville Division
West Lafayette City Engineer
Purdue University Airport
West Lafayette Police Department
CityBus

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dana Smith
Tom VanHorn

Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber
Community Development/Redevelopment Department

ALSO PRESENT

Doug Poad
Brian Weber
Gina Quattrochi
Kelly Gramenz
Andy Marquis

APC Staff
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Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Tim Wells moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2005 meeting.

Dave Buck seconded and the motion, with changes to the adjournment time, carried by voice vote.

Access Permits

Dave Whitworth gave an update of the permits requested by Menard's and Meijer. He said county, West Lafayette, and INDOT officials met with representatives from Meijer and Menard's. He stated that INDOT does not have any means to improve CR 300 W due to the proximity to the cemetery. He said it will be likely that Menard's will access US 52 directly across from Wyndham Way.

Jon Fricker asked if there would be a traffic signal.

Dave Whitworth answered that a traffic signal is not warranted at this time. Once Meijer builds, a signal may be needed in the future. He said that INDOT is proceeding with a future traffic signal covenant.

Jon Fricker asked if there has been collaboration with senior design and civil engineering students at Purdue.

Dave Whitworth responded that their recommendations were similar to INDOT's traffic department's review, which showed that the function of US 52 would best be served by improvements to CR 250 & 300 W. He also added that there were no new access permits.

Sallie Fahey asked if the existing limited access break is wide enough for a dual entrance and whether it can be moved.

Dave Whitworth said that one concern is that the small properties that Menard's has fronting US 52 may not have a wide enough hole in the access for full access at that location and there are a few properties there that have existing, narrower entrances. He said that access control could be adjusted and the small accesses could be joined to create a larger access point.

Sallie Fahey asked if the smaller accesses would be closed in favor of the new entrance.

Dave Whitworth responded affirmatively.

Crash Reports and Daily Logs

Sallie Fahey said that a crash report does not get sent to the Indiana State Police if the property damage is less than \$1,000.

Chris Leroux concurred.

Sallie Fahey expressed concerns that when the crash reporting system moved over to the state police and the MPOs got access to the crash data, we thought we had all the crash data in one place, but the damage limit indicates that is not true. She would like to obtain that data from each police department with the minimum amount of effort. She said some police departments put them on a daily log.

Chris Leroux said the West Lafayette Police Department puts the reports on a daily bulletin board. He suggested tabling the discussion, investigating the software capabilities and reporting back at the next meeting.

Sallie Fahey said it might be easier for the transportation planners to get together with the police officers and report back to the Technical Committee.

Chris Leroux said he believes the daily log keeps a record of all the Police Department's activities.

Sallie Fahey said that it is helpful, especially regarding HES grants, if staff could get an accurate count of accidents at intersections, even if the property damage is minor.

Jon Fricker asked if each jurisdiction could chose to send all of the crash reports to the State or only send those with over \$1,000 in property damage. He asked if the department could just directly send the crash report to the Area Plan Office.

Chris Leroux said that all information goes through the State.

Sallie Fahey said that there will likely be a pilot program for all police departments to use handheld GPS units.

Study Progress

Doug Poad said that there are a number of projects underway at the Area Plan Commission office. He said that the amendment to the 2025 Transportation Plan for the Purdue University area will be recorded shortly. He said that once the amendment is approved, the projects are eligible for Federal Transportation funds. He added that he is still working on the 2030 Transportation Plan, the socioeconomic database, vehicle trips going from the external counties to Tippecanoe County and calculating the number of vehicles that pass through the county. He listed the projects that staff is currently working on: reviewing and helping with the Menard's US 52 access, working with the Town of Battle Ground at the intersection of Prophet's Rock Road and 600 N to create collision diagrams, programming resurfacing projects on SR 25 and US 231, begin working on the *Thoroughfare Plan*, Intelligent Transportation Systems, working with the Town of Dayton building Yost Drive on the west side of town and inquiring about federal funds, continuing to convert the 2001 crash data, and revising voter precincts.

Sallie Fahey said that the amendment to the Transportation Plan for Purdue has not been recorded yet, as staff is still waiting for the Town of Dayton to send the certification that it has been adopted.

Dave Buck asked when is the ITS training scheduled.

Sallie Fahey answered May 12, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. and will last all day.

Doug Poad explained that the Federal Highway Administration will bring their training team to go over ITS architecture more in-depth and how to develop it in the community. He said it will cover multi-modal transportation issues. He added that ITS is very exciting.

Sallie Fahey said that a small group comes out of the stakeholders group that met earlier and the Federal Highway Administration asked us to limit the training group to around nine participants.

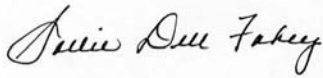
Other Business

Jim Knapp said that the State has changed its time of beginning construction for US 231 to SR 26 from Fall 2005 to Fall 2007 and beginning construction of US 231 from SR 26 to US 52 is set for the fall of 2012.

Sallie Fahey said the next meeting is May 18, 2005.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sallie Dell Fahey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sallie Dell Fahey
Secretary